

**May 27, 2004**

**MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting**

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Mike Sharp opened the meeting with introductions. After introductions, MDT and MCA had the chance to cover their new business items before the group covered the agenda items.

**NEW BUSINESS F/ MDT**

1. **Guardrail Hardware.** MDT informed MCA that there was some defective, uninspected guardrail hardware of foreign origin that showed up on a project. MDT wanted to alert MCA to look for this in the future.

**NEW BUSINESS F/ MCA**

1. **Erosion Control.** MCA expressed some concern dealing with the fixed dollar price and rate schedule for erosion control. MCA informed MDT that the price exceeds a dollar the longer the project runs due to mobilization and extra maintenance required. MCA feels that the competitive bid worked better than the fixed dollar price. MDT felt that going back to competitive bidding would be the best solution. This will be done by addenda this month.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Qualified Products List.** MDT informed MCA that there will be an enabling special provision implemented soon that will allow the use of the QPL in contracts.
2. **Addenda Process.** MDT informed MCA that there would be a meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the possible change of timelines for the question and answer process. MDT will inform MCA about the decision next month.
3. **Final Inspection and Acceptance.** These specifications have been submitted to the Transportation Commission for review and comment. When that review time is complete, the specifications will be submitted to FHWA for approval and implemented.
4. **Claims Specification.** MDT used MCA's comments to make revisions to the specifications and will be implementing the specifications along with a construction memo July 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. **Electronic Bidding.** The draft administrative rules are nearly complete. After review by MDT administration, they will be brought to the MCA.
6. **Pavement Markings.** The new draft of the pavement markings specifications will be sent to the striping contractors. Upon receipt, they will have two weeks to submit their comments.
7. **Seal Coat Warranty Guide.** MDT expects the specification and warranty guide to be effective by the November Letting.

The next meeting will be **June 23, 2004**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the **MCA Office**.

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